

Office of Administrative Hearings

RCW 34.12

Request	\$36,430,000	
Net change from current biennium	\$1,663,788	Decrease
Percent change from current biennium	4.4%	Decrease

The Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) resolves administrative disputes between members of the public and most state agencies. Issues that come before OAH include requests for unemployment insurance or public assistance benefits, child and vulnerable adult abuse concerns, child support liability, business and professional licensing (ranging from electrical contractors to nursing homes and daycare facilities), special education, whistleblower cases for local governments, and other disputes in which due process of law requires a hearing. The participants present evidence and testimony at the hearing. An administrative law judge issues a written order containing findings of fact and conclusions of law on all contested issues. The agency's services are funded by payments made by the affected client agency.

Agency Mission

We independently resolve administrative disputes through accessible, fair, prompt processes and issue sound decisions.

Agency Level Summary

Operating Budget: Summary

2013-15 Appropriations	Appropriated Funds	Expenditures		
		2011-13 Actual	2013-15 Estimated	2015-17 Proposed
Amount Estimated Balance				
38,011,000	Administrative Hearings Revolving - State	35,789,233	38,011,000	36,380,000
	Non-Appropriated Funds			
	Industrial Insurance Premium Refund - Non-Appropriated	2,022	22,788	
	Local Gov Administrative Hearings - Non-Appropriated	6,771	60,000	50,000
	Total Non-Appropriated Funds	8,793	82,788	50,000

Operating Budget: Change from Preceding Biennium

	2011-13 Actual		2013-15 Estimated		2015-17 Proposed	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Total	2,060,058	6.1%	2,295,762	6.4%	(1,663,788)	(4.4)%

Employment Summary

	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Estimated	2014-15 Estimated	2015-16 Proposed	2016-17 Proposed
FTE Staff Years	176.3	182.6	182.6	171.8	169.7